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SUBJECT:FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND'S VISIT WITH

ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL

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1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL AND NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND DISCUSSED THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, SALT, MBFR, AND THE PROBLEMS CREATED BY CAMBODIAN, SOUTH VIETNAMESE AND PORTUGUESE INSURGENT MOVEMENTS DURING WIDE RANGING DISCUSSIONS ON NOVEMBER 28.

2. FRYDENLUND REITERATED THE NORWEGIAN POSITION THAT THE NATO DECLARATION MUST STRESS THE PEACEFUL AS WELL AS THE SECURITY ASPECTS OF THE ALLIANCE. STOESSEL MADE CLEAR THAT THE U.S. THINKS THE FRENCH DRAFT, WHILE STILL SUBJECT TO IMPROVEMENT, ESPECIALLY IN PARAGRAPH THREE, IS QUITE GOOD.

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HE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE APRIL 23 SPEECH WOULD

FINALLY PRODUCE ONLY GOOD BUT NOT EXCITING DECLARATIONS, AS THE EXERCISE HAS LOST ITS ORIGINAL MOMENTUM AND EMOTIONAL CONTENT. HE EXPECTED THE DOCUMENTS TO BE FINALIZED CLOSER TO THE TIME WHEN THE PRESIDENT WOULD ACTUALLY VISIT EUROPE.

3. FRYDENLUND SAID THAT NORWAY'S POSITION OUTSIDE THE EC MEANS THAT NORWAY MUST DEVELOP WHAT HE CALLED "SPECIAL TIES" WITH THE U.S. HE ALSO NOTED THE POSITIVE RESPONSE

OF NORWAY TO THE APRIL 23 SPEECH. HE ASKED ABOUT ANY LONG TERM EFFECTS OF THE MIDEAST CRISIS ON THE ALLIANCE. STOESSEL POINTED OUT THAT THESE EFFECTS REMAINED TO BE SEEN. THIS ISSUE, AS WELL AS THE WHOLE QUESTION OF CONSULTATIONS, WOULD BE BROUGHT UP BY THE SECRETARY AT THE NATO MINISTERIAL. FRYDENLUND DREW ATTENTION TO THE DISTURBING RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPING AMONG THE UK, FRANCE, AND WEST GERMANY AND WONDERED ABOUT THE UP-COMING EC SUMMIT. STOESSEL REPLIED THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT A EUROPEAN IDENTITY PAPER WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THAT MEETING. THE U.S. WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH SUCH A DECLARATION IF IT WERE NOT ON AN ANTI-AMERICAN BASIS.

4. STOESSEL NOTED THAT SUPPORTERS OF THE SIHANOUK ORGANIZATION WERE MAKING A BIG EFFORT TO HAVE IT REPLACE THE PRESENT CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT IN THE UN. HE AFFIRMED THE STRONG OPPOSITION OF THE U.S. TO THESE ATTEMPTS AND HOPED THE NORWEGIANS WOULD RECONSIDER THEIR INTENTION TO ABSTAIN ON THIS VOTE AND INSTEAD VOTE "NO". HE ALSO STATED THAT THE PRG SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN A STATUS THEY DO NOT DESERVE BY BEING INVITED TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. FINALLY HE NOTED THAT THE NORWEGIAN REPRESENTATIVE, LONGVA, HAD REPORTEDLY TAKEN THE LEAD AT THE TEHRAN RED CROSS CONFERENCE IN URGING THAT NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, SUCH AS THE PAIGC, BE INCLUDED IN THE CONFERENCE ON THE LAWS OF WAR. FRYDENLUND PROMISED TO LOOK AT THIS LAST MATTER. RE THE SIHANOUK AND PRG PROBLEMS, HE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR NORWAY TO DO ANYTHING BUT ABSTAIN AS THIS

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IS THE TRADITIONAL AND PUBLICALLY ACCEPTED NORWEGIAN METHOD OF HANDLING VOTES DEALING WITH DISPUTED TERRITORIES UNTIL SUCH TIME AS NORWAY HAS RECOGNIZED ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER.

5. FRYDENLUND SAID THAT NORWAY WILL BE WILLING TO RECOGNIZE THE PAIGC AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME WHEN IT MEETS THE CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION, I.E. FULL CONTROL OF

TERRITORY. HE THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE COORDINATED NORDIC RECOGNITION BUT NOT IMMINENTLY AS MORE DISCUSSION WAS NEEDED. MR. STOESSEL REPEATED THAT THE U.S. DOES NOT FAVOR RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU AS, ACCORDING TO ALL U.S. INFORMATION, IT DOES NOT MEET THE CRITERIA OF TERRITORIAL CONTROL. FRYDENLUND ASKED IF MR. STOESSEL THOUGHT THAT PORTUGAL WOULD BE WILLING TO TALK WITH THE PAIGC. (NOTE: THIS WAS ANSWERED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM AT LUNCH IN A SIDE CONVERSATION WITH VIBE, DIRECTOR, POLITICAL AFFAIRS, NORWEGIAN MFA. NEWSOM SAID THAT THE PORTUGUESE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY NOT BE AMENABLE TO SUCH A SUGGESTION BUT WOULD LISTEN TO ONE THAT RECOMMENDED

THAT THEY TALK WITH THEIR AFRICAN NEIGHBORS AND THAT IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IF NORWAY OFFERED ITS GOOD OFFICES IN HELPING TO MAKE SUCH TALKS POSSIBLE.) MR. STOESSEL NOTED THE ROLE PLAYED BY PORTUGAL IN THE MIDEAST CRISIS. WITHOUT PORTUGUESE HELP, THE CONSEQUENCES WOULD HAVE BEEN GRAVE AND THEREFORE THE UNITED STATES WANTS TO HELP PORTUGAL IN THE ALLIANCE. MR. STOESSEL READILY AGREED TO A SUGGESTION BY FRYDENLUND THAT THE NORWEGIANS TALK PRIVATELY TO THE PORTUGUESE AT THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING.

6. SALT AND MBFR PORTION CONSISTED ENTIRELY OF RUN-DOWN BY DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THESE TALKS. KISSINGER

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